

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	25603	Agenda Number	64.
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Meeting Date:	August 22, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with LINDE, LLC for the purchase of liquid carbon dioxide for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$913,500, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$304,500 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,522,500.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$50,750 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the 34-months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Steve Aden, Purchasing Manager, 972-4040
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Boards and Commission Action:	July 10, 2013 – Approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 6-0 vote.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide liquid carbon dioxide for the Austin Water Utility (AWU) on an as needed basis. Liquid carbon dioxide is used by AWU to stabilize the drinking water during treatment to prevent calcium carbonant or scale from being deposited in the distribution system. The liquid carbon dioxide will be delivered to and used at the Ullrich and Davis Water Treatment Plants.

The product complies with the American Water Works Association Standard B510, which is the standard for liquid carbon dioxide used for the treatment of drinking water. It also meets the National Sanitation Foundation Standard 60 which governs the use of direct and indirect additives for the treatment of drinking water.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. STA1077
Liquid Carbon Dioxide
(2 line items)

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Linde, LLC Murray Hill, NJ	\$304,500
West Air Gases & Equipment Anaheim, CA	\$362,500
Airgas USA, LLC Austin, TX	\$493,000
Air Liquide Industrial U.S., LP Grand Prairie, TX	\$643,800

NOTE: Complete copy of the bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-five notices were sent, there were no MBE/WBE firms listed under this commodity. Four bids were received. One "No Bid" response was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 48% decrease from the last purchase made in October 2008.
- d. Linde, LLC is not the current provider.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bid.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.

c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.